1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1992-93	Kharif	Nitrogen	217.15	219.56	499.40	528.06
		Phosphate	115.37	114.45	228.80	237.99
		Potash	33.27	32.68	129.50	136.31
		Total:	364.79	366.69	857.70	902.36
	Rabi	Nitrogen	215.00	215.71	216.75	218.21
		Phosphate	—	—	—	—
		Potash	—	—	—	—
		Total:	215.00	215.71	216.75	218.21
1993-94	Kharif	Nitrogen	202.40	185.21	414.00	439.35
		Phosphate	—	—	—	—
		Potash	—	—	—	—
		Total:	202.40	185.21	414.00	439.35
	Rabi	Nitrogen	239.25	236.97	231.97	45.72
		Phosphate	—	—	—	—
		Potash	—	—	—	—
		Total:	239.25	236.97	231.97	245.72

N.B. Phosphatic and Potassic fertilisers have been decontrolled with effect from 25.8.1992. Since then the requirment for these fertlisers is not assessed and allocation are not given.

Landed cost of import of Carbamexapine, Sulphadiazine and other drugs

4057. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3011 given in the Rajya Sabha on 17th March, 1994 and to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that landed cost of import of Carbamexapine, Sulphadiazine, Furazolidone and Criseofulvin, has declined as a result of reduction in custom duty in 1994-95;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the prices of formulations have not been reduced, if so, the reasons therefor and who is responsible for such lapse;

(c) whether it is a fact that formulators are minting crores of rupees at the cost of the consumer; and

(d) if so, what steps have been taken to reduce the prices and also establish the accountability of the concerned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FAL1RO): (a): Yes Sir.

(b) to (d) Revision of prices of formulations consequent to changes in input costs is an ongoing exercise and necessary steps in cases where there is overall reduction in price of a formulation have been taken.

Expiry of lock in period of Ethambutal, Pyrazinamide and other drugs

**4058.* SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:
SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3020 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 17th March, 1994 and to state:

(a) when did the three year lock in period in respect of Ethambutal, Rifampicin, Pyrazinamide expire and how the producers were allowed escalation after the lock in period;

(b) whether it is a fact that mix of imports domestic production and prices of intermediates and raw materials based on which price was worked out by the BICP and escalations were allowed by the Ministry left crores of unintended benefits with the producers;

(c) whether the whole matter would be enquired into and those involved in giving faked price increase would be punished; and

(d) what was the import CIF price and domestic use of the major intermediates by leading two producers of each of these drugs from 1991-92 onwards?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) The prices notified on the basis of cost-cum-technical studies are valid for a period of three years. However, price revisions are allowed from time to time as an impact of changes in the prices of raw-materials/ input costs and other factors in accordance with the price adjustment formula contained in the study report so as the ensure availability of drugs in the market. The three years validity period of BICP reports in respet of bulk drugs Ethambutal, Rifampicin and Pyrazinamide has expired on 31.3.93. 31,3.94 and 31.12.1991 respectively. BICP has initiated fresh cost-cum-technical studies in respect of these drugs.

(d) This information is not monitored.

Reduction in bulk drug prices consequent on reduction in custom duty

4059. SHRI H. HANUMAN-THAPPA.
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3033 given in the Rajya Sabha on 17th March, 1994 and state:

(a) what are the names of the bulk drug prices of which have been reduced during 1994-95 consequent to reduction in custom duty in the budget;

(b) what were their earlier prices and what are their reduced prices and in how many cases lock in period for which the BICP price was valied was over;

(c) whether it is a fact that producers have not brought down the price of any non-scheduled bulk durgs although custom duty on intermediates required therefore was also reduced; and

(d) by when the pirces of these drugs would also be reduced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERT1ZL1ERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) The details of reduction in the prices of price controlled bulk durgs consequent to reduction in customs duty in the Budget for the year 1994-95 are given in the statement *{See below)*. Out of these 27 bulk drugs the validity period of BICP's studies for 24 bulk durgs has since expired. BICP has since completed cost-cum-technical studies in case of 4 bulk drugs and for the remaining 20 bulk drugs, the fresh cost-cum-technical studies have been initiated by the BICP.

(c) and (d) To the extent information is available, some manufacturers have reduced the prices of bulk drugs/ formulations which are not under pirce control.